GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF FLATS FOR VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the datails of ongoing construction of LIG, MIG and HIG flats for the earthquake victims in Gujarat;

(b) the details of funds allocated and released by the Union Government for the purpose;

(c) the manner in which the Union Government intend to arrange funds for this purpose; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the rehabilitation of the victims of earthquake in Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): This Ministry does not directly take up neither onstruction of houses nor directly release funds for calamity relief in States including Gujarat. However, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO),a public sector undertaking under this Ministry has offered loan assistance to the Govt. of Gujarat to the tune of Rs.1500 crores for construction of houses and infrastructure for earthquake affected people in Gujarat.

(c): The Government have permitted HUDCO to raisetax free bonds to the extent of Rs.1500 crores for mobilizing low costs fund for financing rehabilitation work in Gujarat.

(d): The rehabilitation of the victims of the Gujarat earthquake is the responsibility of the State Government of Gujarat. However, this Ministry through its agencies such as HUDCOand BMTPC is providing techno-financial andtechno-legal support to the State Government.